

Nurses Training



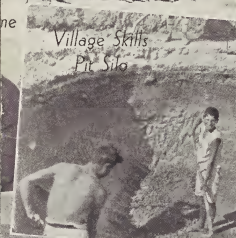
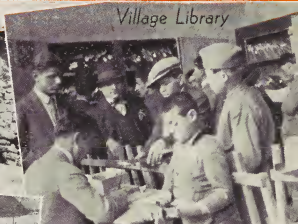
Itinerant Farm Instruction



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Village Library



Village Skills  
Pit Silo

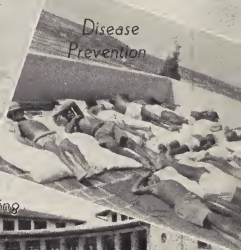
Working Boys' Center



Animal Husbandry



Disease Prevention



Wagon



American-Greek  
Cooperative Training



# Near East Foundation

Incorporated 1930

*At the request of the Board of Trustees of  
NEAR EAST RELIEF*

**Y**OU have been interested in the children and the people of the Near East.

Fifteen years of emergency life-saving relief work is now being rounded out with money which has been pledged specifically for this purpose.

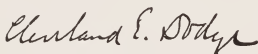
American philanthropy has built a foundation of good will, has created and maintained the fullest confidence of the people, and has been urged by the people to remain and work with them.

A survey of the Near East reveals serious unmet needs, especially among rural people and children.

An unprecedented opportunity presents itself to demonstrate American social welfare, health and rural methods adaptable to the developing needs of the Near East with the expectation of their becoming indigenous.

One hundred and thirty-two thousand American-trained orphans constitute a natural leadership.

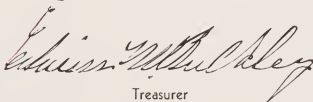
We believe Near East Foundation offers an unusual opening to those friends of the Near East who have invested in emergency work to invest equally in a unique demonstration of helpful service to humanity.



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*American-trained student nurses treating trachoma*

## CONDITIONS

**A** SURVEY of the Near East by experts in the field of education, medicine and agriculture reveals the fact that 85% of the people live in rural communities, in 1800 of which 132,000 orphan children have been home-placed, under conditions described as "unutterably miserable," with medical service almost unknown, and educational and industrial facilities distressingly inadequate.

### **Health**

Tubercular death rate twelve times rate in United States.

One country with not a single tuberculosis sanitarium. Malaria increasingly prevalent, two-thirds of villages affected.

Infant mortality needlessly high.

Ninety per cent of people have intestinal parasites.

Few eye specialists; trachoma wide-spread problem.

Schools for nurses inadequate.

Almost no physicians in country villages.

Complete dearth of nurses and midwives in rural districts.

### **Agriculture**

Low national milk supply.

Machinery and methods primitive, deplorable.

Under-production of grain; farm soils unimproved.

Eighty per cent under-supplied with government farm aids.

Serious winter live stock starvation.

Villages under-gardened; faring miserably in winter.

Live stock disease wide-spread.

Notable wood poverty.

Although aims good, little training of practical farmers.

### **Child and Community Welfare**

Frightful ignorance as to the bearing and rearing of children.

Combination homes and barns affecting family health.

Little or no training facilities for home-making.

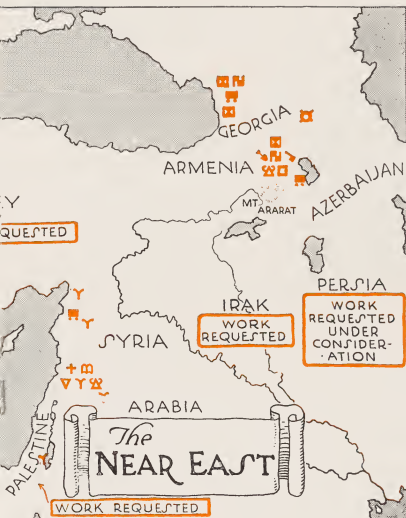
Child play life almost non-existent.

In cities no accommodation for working boys and girls.

Teachers untrained in community activities and hygiene.

Care and training of blind inadequate.





## Demonstrate Better Living

### ■ Village Recreation

Greece . . . . .	36 villages
Soukhom and Adler . . . . .	20 villages
Armenia . . . . .	6 centers

### ▽ Night Schools and Playgrounds for Working Boys

Egypt . . . . .	2 centers
Syria . . . . .	4 centers
Greece . . . . .	2 centers

### ✕ Scholarships in Local Schools

Agriculture . . . . .	Greece
Leadership . . . . .	Greece
Leadership . . . . .	Syria
Leadership . . . . .	Armenia

### Work Requested—Under Consideration

Albania . . . . .	Agricultural Training
Turkey . . . . .	Agricultural Training
Turkey . . . . .	Recreation
Turkey . . . . .	Nurses Training
Persia . . . . .	Agricultural Training
Iraq . . . . .	Agricultural Training
Iraq . . . . .	Medical
Palestine . . . . .	Itinerant Rural Instruction
Bulgaria . . . . .	Disease Prevention
Bulgaria . . . . .	Night Schools and Playgrounds

*! Description of Projects which Interest You*

# A SOLDIER OF THE SOIL



*Nicolaos at the age of twelve*

**N**ICOLAOS PETRIDES is fifteen years old. He was orphaned when a baby and spent ten years in a Near East Relief orphanage school. He studied farming. Three years ago he went to live with a family in Macedonia, where the Refugee Settlement Commission has placed 500,000 Anatolian exiles.

Nicolaos was happy with his adopted family, but their ill health, the in-

sanitary, primitive home and their antiquated farming methods discouraged him. He tried to tell his new father and the neighbors things he had learned in the orphanage.

They would not believe what he told them: That better diet and water would resist the intestinal parasites that enervate 90% of the Near Eastern people. That proper drainage would reduce malaria that affects 30% of them. That cleanliness might prevent trachoma that threatens the eyesight of his new little sister and thousands of others. That light and sun which never penetrates the windowless houses would lessen tuberculosis which had already taken the son of the house and causes twelve times as many deaths as in the United States.

One day Nicolaos heard that an older boy whom he had known in the orphanage was giving lessons in farming in a nearby village. He walked twenty miles to see his old comrade.

He learned from Dimitri that if money can be found in America an itinerant rural service can be provided for his village that will teach better methods of living to the whole community. His father and the neighbors can have instruction in soil cultivation and the use of improved seeds and implements that will insure better crops and wipe out constantly threatening hunger. A welfare center and clinic can be established, to be operated by his sister Kitsa, now training as a nurse in Athens. Here simple treatments would be given and mothers would learn how to care for their babies and their homes and how to prepare food. There can be a playground where the children would grow strong through healthful play and exercise. There can be a diminutive library where the men and women and children would learn the joy there is in books.

Dimitri told Nicolaos that this service already is given to 54 villages of refugee Macedonia, and it is hoped that 117 villages, affecting the lives of 23,000 people, soon will be reached by Near East Foundation.

Every night Nicolaos prays that his village may be one of the fortunate ones. Backed up by American prestige, this purposeful boy can do much to bring the necessities of life to his people whom he loves.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## **Question: Why was Near East Foundation Organized?**

Answer: The people in the Near East and friends in this country urgently requested that service similar to that rendered to 132,000 children trained in American orphanages be extended to backward rural communities struggling for physical and economic stability. The Trustees of Near East Relief, which organization feels it cannot, in the spirit in which it was created, carry forward this work, requested the incorporation of Near East Foundation.

## **Question: What Relationship has Near East Foundation with various other organizations?**

Answer: *Near East Relief*, a temporary emergency organization, will continue until its obligations to its orphan wards are discharged. Near East Foundation, a permanent organization, will enlist support for projects, some of which were begun by Near East Relief, carrying and extending them into rural and village communities.

*Golden Rule Foundation* is an entirely separate organization from both the Near East Foundation and Near East Relief, and by agreement does not include the Near East or adjacent countries in its appeals.

*The Mission Boards, Y. M. C. A., World Sunday School Association and other American agencies in the Near East.* There is a friendly co-operation with all American agencies operating in Bible Lands through a special Committee on Co-operation in the Near East, and with the *Near East College Association*, whose work and that of Near East Foundation complement and supplement each other.

## **Question: Can Near East Foundation accept bequests and annuities?**

Answer: As a permanent organization, Near East Foundation is in a position to receive and administer bequests and annuities from those who have an abiding interest in the Near East, to be applied to individual projects or the general program as designated.

## **Question: What is the financial status of Near East Foundation?**

Answer: Beginning work without capital, the Foundation is dependent upon the gifts of American friends, and will develop its program as rapidly as funds are available.

*Make checks payable to*

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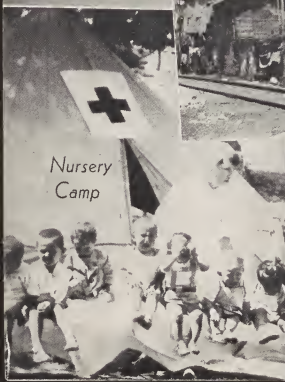
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